WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE

Galatians 2:15-21--October 14th, 2023



Sermon Recap:

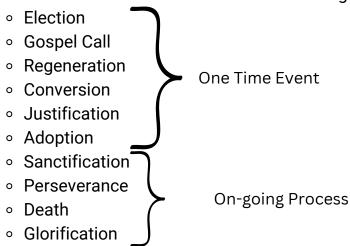
Let Me Repeat Myself

I. Two Truths & a Lie

Due to the heresy of the false teachers, the Galatian church is faced with two truths and a lie.

a. Truth One

• Salvation is both a one time event and an on-going process. The order of salvation:



b. Truth Two

- We are all in need of justification. (v.15)
- Justification: to be declared "not guilty" or righteous before God.

c. Lie

- The false teachers in Galatia were mixing up the order of salvation. They placed sanctification before justification, believing themselves to have the ability to do good works to earn justification from God.
- No one in the flesh (Jew or Gentile) can be justified by their obedience to the law.
- The only instrument of our justification is faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

II. Objection & Response

- Objection: If we are justified by Christ, this must mean that Christ is the cause or "minister" of our sin.
- Response: Absolutely not! If we build up what Christ has torn down, meaning, if we return tot he law that Christ fulfilled, we are the sinner.

III. Living Justified

- The law that once slayed us is now dead to us. It no longer has power or authority to condemn us. Now we "live to God."
- We were crucified and resurrected with Christ. It is now Christ who lives in us.
- Now, through the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit in us, we are being sanctified.
- We are not save by good works, but unto good works.

Discussion Questions:

- Read Galatians 2:16. What is the essential foundation of the gospel?
- What does it mean to be "justified?"
- How are we justified in God's sight? Does that change the law in any way?
- How would you explain "justification by faith" to someone who has never been to church before?
- How were the false teachers attempting to "rebuild the wall?" Why is this so dangerous?
- How have we "died to the law?"
- How have we been "crucified with Christ?"

Application:

- We are justified by faith alone, but in what ways are you tempted to trust in your works instead of in Christ alone?
- What areas of your life are challenging to live by faith right now? Where are you tempted to find justification?
- What are the old areas of your life that have a tendency "to rebuild" themselves?
- What practical steps can you take today in order to :"die to the law" and "live to God?"
- What are the implications of "Christ who lives in me?"

